

### Topic 1

#### What parks mean to you.

What image, memory, place, or feeling first comes to mind when you think about time spent in a park (any park)?

Time spent in a park is a memory of a place, a feeling of freedom, a sense of connection to nature, a place to relax and recharge.

Home in the woods - a place to relax and recharge. A place to be with family and friends. A place to be with friends and family. A place to be with friends and family.

A place of beauty. A place to be with family and friends. A place to be with friends and family. A place to be with friends and family.

Vilas is a green oasis in the middle of a busy city. It's a place where you can relax and recharge. It's a place where you can be with family and friends. It's a place where you can be with friends and family.

### Topic 2

What to maintain and enhance at Vilas. What 1-2 things do you love most about Vilas Park today? What draws you here?

Mountain Tennis Courts (which is great) NO BASKETBALL COURT (too small) All more great trees to be added

Open up the past the playground - keep the site of the original - what happened to the wooden roller coaster? - keep the Boulder roller coaster

Restore function of Division Park - forest area - the space at the end of the street - the space at the end of the street - the space at the end of the street

Easy Access to the Lake for Visiting - the lake is a great place to visit - the lake is a great place to visit - the lake is a great place to visit

Mountain - Mountain - Mountain - Mountain - Mountain - Mountain - Mountain - Mountain - Mountain - Mountain

Don't Build the Boulder Roller Coaster - DON'T BUILD THE BOLDER ROLLER COASTER - DON'T BUILD THE BOLDER ROLLER COASTER

If there are any more trees to be added - If there are any more trees to be added - If there are any more trees to be added

REMOVE existing parking lots - Space - Space - Space - Space - Space - Space - Space - Space - Space

Roller

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#### What to improve at Vilas.

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Plant more trees along the street - Plant more trees along the street - Plant more trees along the street

Reduce asphalt use - Reduce asphalt use - Reduce asphalt use - Reduce asphalt use - Reduce asphalt use

The Shelter as a covered area for winter biking equipment - The Shelter as a covered area for winter biking equipment - The Shelter as a covered area for winter biking equipment

Better walking access from the 200 parking lot to the Zoo, Alton and Baker - Better walking access from the 200 parking lot to the Zoo, Alton and Baker - Better walking access from the 200 parking lot to the Zoo, Alton and Baker

Save the parking to the edge of the park - Save the parking to the edge of the park - Save the parking to the edge of the park

Improve walking path in heavy traffic areas - Improve walking path in heavy traffic areas - Improve walking path in heavy traffic areas

Is there going to be a trail along the lake - Is there going to be a trail along the lake - Is there going to be a trail along the lake

Need to improve the walking between the 200 parking lot - Need to improve the walking between the 200 parking lot - Need to improve the walking between the 200 parking lot

Don't get road along the lake - Don't get road along the lake - Don't get road along the lake

Conflict of cars, bikes, walking - Conflict of cars, bikes, walking - Conflict of cars, bikes, walking

Plant more trees along the lake - Plant more trees along the lake - Plant more trees along the lake

Recreate lake shoreline - Recreate lake shoreline - Recreate lake shoreline

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Use by a diverse population - Use by a diverse population - Use by a diverse population

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Increasing w/pature doing recreational activities

Fun's count  
ZOO  
Skiing  
skating in winter

No more parking spots  
More and more trees  
Don't cut our mature trees

the beach  
the outdoor exercise  
the sun  
the water

I like the mixed use: winter/summer ice skating, beach, on water, play zone, tennis, basketball, ball diamonds, walking

We love park for nature, for exercise, for walking, for skating, for playing, for walking

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1) more seamless transition between park attractions (e.g. museums, playgrounds, etc.)  
2) prioritize park access over vehicle access

direction for runners/walkers/cyclists along lake.

better access for those with disabilities

bike parking  
more requiring more concrete

Dog Park

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Spoken provides not only to provide peace but as an educational tool for preparing our world

multigenerational activities (youths kids through seniors can experience together)

More social media on park's social media (Facebook, Instagram, etc.)

provide for people with disabilities

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I spent a lot of time at the playground, beach and ice skating rink when my kids were young.

playgrounds

Beautiful walks, scenery

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The beauty & open space for picnics and petting

Also the skating pond in winter

Ice skating, snow, beach access

restroom/picnic tables - improve - maintain - keep open  
love the bridges

Natural beauty, open vistas

Great space

- no new plants

Love walking my dog here. Would love an off-leash dog area

Love the snow

Ice skating

the lake

the walking paths for dog walking

No more parking - keep existing green space.

Better lake access for paddleboards/kayaks etc.

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I'd love to see better mowing on the edge along south

Randall. The overgrown weeds are extremely buggy/mosquito

infested. It has the potential to look really nice and the

overgrown/unmaintained nature of it in winter "people to

throw their trash, sleepers into the weeds".

- Arrow Dogs

- Better lake access for paddleboards - its super weedy & lots

of goose poo.

- Better access for sidewalks in winter (ice skating

& snow)

- Better de-icing of sidewalks in winter (ice skating

& snow)

#### Control Geese Population Plans

- Would love a bike path connecting Vilas Park to Wings Park.

- Wish the lake was cleaner for swimming. Concerned about algae and the health problems it can cause.

- More benches along the lake would be lovely. To sit on and look at the water.

- The paths across the new bridges this year were NOT cleared of snow or ice. That should change.

- Allow dogs to be walked on trail.

- Allow dogs off-leash before 9am and after 9pm

- Address flooded paths throughout the parking lot

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- Is "free" parking really "free"? As Madison grows

should we look to other cities like Minneapolis

where busy parks charge for parking (e.g. Minnehaha Park).

If someone walks or bikes to the park (or carpools or

takes the bus) they use less resources.

- I think it's important to maintain Vilas Beach. So many of Madison's beaches

have closed.

- Maintain ice rink in winter.

add a bike station @ Drake and Randall



draws you here?

North winds WS feel  
and atmosphere while  
being from shore  
or from a row boat  
Surrounded by natural  
shoreline or in timber

Years at the  
300 -  
Ice skating -  
especially @  
night

Love walking  
in the parks  
Winter -  
Summer

The way where we  
decided we wanted  
to move to Madison

Vilas Beach  
is Great  
when water isn't  
polluted. Always  
loved the diversity  
of people enjoying  
the beach & water.

Wants to play  
with paper pig

Being surrounded by  
water (lakes, streams)  
and quiet natural  
areas

Love the wide  
open spaces for  
lots of different  
activities

200 study -  
Dain  
Lake

Prevent as many  
trees as possible  
cut down only as  
last resort

Ice skating  
Leave Anne  
Shaw Park  
as is. Except -  
clearcut area to  
put site in trees &  
lake. (Value trees &  
this small open area)

Retention at the  
Anne Shaw Park  
+ re-plant major trees  
there (but don't  
over-plant the same  
species)

Falls in  
the  
Skatte-

We love the walking path  
in the water for skating  
and that it's not too  
exposed

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What 1-2 things do you hope can change at Vilas Park & what's missing or not working?

Less lawn,  
especially down  
at water's edge  
where we need more  
natural habitat

improve  
Bicycle  
Facilities  
of open space - good  
MIX of both

NO  
T-Bags

Split the deer  
into 2 jumps

REMOVE SPEED  
SKATING TO  
(LAGGERS)  
WETLANDS

Nature  
Playground

Construction  
wetlands for  
water treatment

More plots to  
soak up  
stormwater

Get cars & parking  
off the shore

off-leash  
dog area!

Pedestrian  
walkways  
from  
neighborhood

Sidewalks please  
between the blism  
and Orchard Street

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Bicycle  
Connections  
with other  
parks +  
neighborhoods

Keep a  
baseline  
of a city

Keep the beach  
as clean + clear as  
possible for all the  
folks who come to  
cool off

Prevent all  
existing  
affairs around

Enhanced  
Skatte-

Make public Works safe  
transport  
available.  
No Cars  
from true  
people who  
work  
(working people)



By the  
Bungalow

Highway  
Sponsorship  
on Clear  
Lane 1st

LARGE  
Group  
Picnic

MEMORIAL  
Sponsored  
T-Rail  
Sculptures

MEMORIAL  
FOUNTAIN  
GIVE  
DAILY AND  
PERSONAL  
GIVE

Happy and  
relaxing moment  
with family  
and friends

The park is a place  
to slow down, relax &  
enjoy life year round!

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Protect & preserve Anne Stewart Fountain soon not later as it will continue to deteriorate and needs attention now  
2021 is very too long!

\* Remove the toxic trees from the playgrounds  
\* Sidewalk or bike path along Vilas Dr.

Signage explaining the significance and history of the Native American mounds

Put a pedestrian bridge next to the Park & Pleasure Drive Bridge  
There is not enough tree canopy, bringing pedestrian paths away from  
the street, the bridge?

It would be great to have off-site (but nearby) parking for buses

NATIVE AMERICAN  
INPUT  
FOR FURTHER  
FOUNTAIN TRAIL  
MAYBE A MONUMENT  
OR HISTORICAL MARKER  
TO BE PLACED NEAR THE  
MOUND

More  
Planting  
and  
Trail  
Maintenance

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BACK IN  
PARK

The beach  
The playgrounds  
The ice skating  
being able to enjoy  
the beauty and  
middle of Wisconsin

Restive Anne  
Stewart Fountain

Old playground  
- No sliding  
- No seating  
- Access for people  
- Looking for more  
- Looking for more

The stone slide is  
unique and special  
and we love that  
it's repaired by  
annually by  
the Art Cart

The beauty, the  
shelter, the boat  
landing, the zone,  
the bike lane.

Maintain & improve  
access to Vilas by  
human powered modes of  
transportation.

MORE  
SIGNAGE  
ON HIGHWAY  
OF THE PARK

Native American  
Historical  
EXHIBITS or  
MONUMENT USE  
OF PARK



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Open space, beautiful view  
Walking Paths, Picnic Area

What 1-2 things do you love most about Vilas Park today?

o Repair walking paths & put them in where they don't exist (sorry wrong box...)

o open space

o water access for swimming, water paddle sports, ice skating

x Repair tennis courts !!!

no old site in the playground

Walks Red Bike through it - get to destination

Fill in low areas to better contain water.

Can Education Area for the many classes of students who come for visits

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What 1-2 things do you hope can change at Vilas Park? What's missing or not working?

• Restoration of Annie Stewart fountain  
• Preservation, protection, education of burial mounds and the rest grounds people who visit land here

• clean-up the 1st form water

• how about a canoe launch/dock?

• TENNIS COURTS !!!

• would love a dog park! (see for dog to be off leash)

• Clean up the water

• There was to be well gendered swimming area.

• Make a Safe Connection to the Neighborhood (to destination)

• 0. 10th, Noddy Ave.

• Take care of what's here. The portion of the park on the 500 block of S. Redell is suffering from neglect & lack of maintenance. The lawn and mowed weeds are waist high. The trees need pruning & trimming so branches don't lean when on every windy day. Dead tree trunks need to be removed & replaced. Leaf collection is terrible leading to leaves going all over the neighborhood & into the storm drains. Vilas Park is a special place

• Clean the pond & deal w. the grease!

• Improve water quality in Lake Winga

• Reduce the goose population

COMMUNITY GARDEN

1st lawn, more plant diversity

Reduce car traffic.

Native plants

Cleaner water in Lake Winga

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Keep ice rink - make rest of open

Historically important see Specting Area.

The "Picnic" area could be an Enhanced History Area... Maybe the Parkers would be useful.

Install Bicycle station at Zoo entrance.



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Vilas Park is  
great place to go  
with family  
or friends  
to relax  
and enjoy  
nature.

It's a really  
nice park with  
a lot of trees  
and a playground  
every day.

### Topic 2 What to maintain and enhance at Vilas.

What 1-2 things do you love most about Vilas Park today? What draws you here?

There is plenty  
of parking in  
neighborhood  
parking lots.  
It's easy to find  
parking.

① Clean doghouses  
② Clean water fountains  
③ Clean playground  
④ Clean walking paths  
⑤ Clean benches

Walking paths  
① clean  
② walking paths  
③ walking paths  
④ walking paths

Topic 2  
like doghouses  
• walking paths  
• water fountains  
• benches  
• playground

CUT LAKE  
WEEDS MORE

Do not overpay  
Do not need  
more parking

### Topic 3 What to improve at Vilas.

What 1-2 things do you hope can change at Vilas Park? What's not working?

Topic 3  
what reservation  
are there on  
multipurpose  
courts.

NO ANTI  
RESERVE 3  
THIS PERSON  
DROPPED  
SUBSTANCE  
ONTO PLAYERS  
WITH SOURCE

Topic 3  
Bad words  
to be removed  
and replaced  
with positive  
language

Topic 3  
Threats  
said to  
be made  
on the  
surface

are going  
to be pool

Hope they  
don't fix up  
the shelter  
so it is the  
big & fancy

Bergrin

Topic 3  
Impulse  
of access to  
section of  
park. Many  
large roots  
and  
obstructed  
walking paths

Dig park  
section at  
Park bridge  
old bridge

DOG FRIENDLY  
DAYS OR TIME  
OR AREA

Topic 3  
• what is  
park here?  
park here?  
about park  
about park  
about park  
about park  
about park

Define  
Park 1  
or 2  
Hard to bike  
dog walk

LESS WALKS  
WHY TRAFFIC  
ON THE ROAD,  
ONE WAY IN  
20 MINUTES

### Topic 4 Vilas as a community park.

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COMMUNITY  
FOR  
ALL  
WITH NO  
THREATS OR  
CRIMINAL  
BEHAVIOR

Dog laws (f-14)  
city & evening



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Peacefulness in the city (CASS'S)

Green space, community

Everyday life

Vilas Park is on a quiet lake in a quiet neighborhood.

Peace & quiet

Beauty of the outdoors, and seeing many different people enjoying it.

Trees, grass, water, wildlife.

There birds, quiet with animals

## Topic 2

### What to maintain and enhance at Vilas.

What 1-2 things do you love most about Vilas Park today? What draws you here?

Water, green space, trees, nature  
Peaceful, quiet, community, can't see here in neighborhood = soccer  
Playgrounds, open space, shelter  
peace & quiet

Trees, playgrounds (shove slide), beach

## Topic 3

### What to improve at Vilas.

What 1-2 things do you hope can change at Vilas Park? What's missing or not working?

dog hours

more pet treats & bushes (4-14)

clarify policy re. dogs - allowed? Or leash only? Enforcement?

the lagoon is perpetually junk-filled. why are there

unhygienic/non-existent garbage cans in the area? when

is the garbage collected?

Dogs allowed in park on leash

misgrants.

Volleyball courts (sand)

water quantity.

space to quiet.

Better walking along Lake.

Less traffic (thru to Mills)

Bicycle/tourist trailers for people going around Lake Wingona

is difficult with street crossings and to slow bridge.

Enforce dog rules.

Need covered trash and recycling containers, labeled

with info on what goes where. Many of our visitors

are from out of state and don't know.

Less pavement + maintain what is needed

Improve drainage

"GREEN" PLEASURE DRIVE

Water quality, eliminating water levels rising.

This park is over-crowded. we don't need to attract more

traffic here.

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Maintaining green space

Water (beach) management

Keep these

Lake health preservation

Honoring the indigenous history

Balance the budget, not priorities on kids, spend & wisely

CLEAN WATER

pickleball courts  
boogie courts



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Parks mean a place where everyone feels welcome and everyone has a chance to enjoy nature in their own way.

So much!  
It's part of our neighborhood.

Open Space in the City

The Shore!

Consider role of park landscape - old trees, new trees, habitat for birds + butterflies = biodiversity

## Field improvement

No park benches on paths  
Bike repair station  
More shaded walkway

More parking for Zoo  
Parks and trails for families with small children should NOT be encouraged. Zoo dangerous!

## What to improve

What 1-2 things do you miss or not work in Vilas Park?  
Dog Park  
Adult exercise equipment  
Elliptic landscaping  
Beer garden

Add gathering data on traffic speed to assessment

Performance Space  
Recognition of the link between the trail  
Fighting cockroaches  
Campfire space

Recycling, Trash, and Dog people collectibles

Slow traffic  
No speed limit signs  
Now

Beacher along lake  
Shoreline

Wetland restoration in basin (West side)

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Shuttle  
The system like the green space  
Ice skating

Kids playground  
great and get rid of rubber mulch

Wants more programming  
Road safe for the kids - they walk - how to stay safe

Lake Vilas shoreline - protect & improve

Add to fruit tree planting

Edible landscape

Vilas fields too low. They get soggy. Fill them in slowly with 1-2 inches of dirt each year for 5-10 yrs. You can keep money to the bridge.

Enhance access for you stroller by making the road 2-way from the beach to the stroller. You can keep money to the bridge.

Continue goose management

Fix parking along S. Central & Virginia - encourage parking away from residential areas. Disperse with lots of little lots.

Better signage for parking \$ and at Dino Zoo.

Later view  
Covers walkway management in the area over-looking the Zoo  
See from street  
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See from street

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What 1-2 things do you love most about Vilas Park today? What draws you here?

Like Vilas  
from the Arb

Insects  
Fruits of  
large shrubs

Thinking: I really enjoy  
being able to see the  
park's plants through  
the trees. It's a  
great way to see the  
park's plants and  
shrubs. I also enjoy  
the way the park is  
designed. It's a  
great way to see the  
park's plants and  
shrubs.

Vilas means "from the  
country" and "from the  
city". It's a great  
place to see the  
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shrubs. I also enjoy  
the way the park is  
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shrubs.

IF GARDENS ARE  
CLOSE TO VILAS PARK,  
IT'S IMPORTANT TO  
REMEMBER THAT  
MAINTENANCE IS CRUCIAL.  
IT'S EASY TO SIGN UP  
FOR WEEKLY MAINTENANCE  
MEETINGS.

The enjoyment  
of the park is  
not just about  
the trees and  
shrubs.

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The new pedestrian bridges over the lagoon are an  
impediment to looking at the water. Can the  
wooden board just ~~be~~ below the top metal fence  
be removed? The bike rails are too high.  
I want to see the water from the bridges.

Most of the  
topping area is  
in the shape  
of a bowl. It  
should be  
flatter. It  
should be  
flatter.

The lake is important  
to people enjoyment.  
The water is  
not clear.  
The water is  
not clear.

To improve  
the park  
it's important  
to have  
a good  
design.  
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design.

THE LAGOON SHOULD  
RETURN TO MARSH.  
IT ISN'T GOOD  
FOR PEOPLE OR  
NATURE AS IS.

Protected bike lane -  
cars don't know where  
they're supposed to be

THE SHOUTER  
SHOULD FACE AWAY  
FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD.  
EVERYONE CAN BE VERY  
LOUD.

### Topic 4

Vilas as a community park.

How can Vilas Park best serve our whole community over the long term as Madison grows? What values are important?

Preserve green space

By preserving the park  
from urban sprawl, we  
are helping to preserve the  
park's green space.  
It's important to  
preserve the park's  
green space.



visual image, memory, place, or feeling first comes to mind when you think about time spent in a park (any park)?

Public Space  
The Zoo  
air, kids learned to swim at the beach, skate at the lagoon.

Playing outdoors

VERY IMPORTANT TO KEEP UP THIS

KEEP UP PLEASURE + DRIVE SO OLDER PEOPLE CAN TAKE IT

**Topic 3**

**What to improve at Vilas.**

What 1-2 things do you hope can change at Vilas Park? What's missing or not working?

Improve the shelter — 10/10  
More Historical Signage  
Let the Ponds go Natural  
Dogs shall be leashed (on leash) horrible weeper

more interpretive info for all ages about the natural history of this place (via signage, etc)  
I only walk dogs through and along the back of Edgewood; I don't use the park - it seems people that don't live here use it which is great.  
Improve bird nes  
Community Gardens

playground is junk  
trash over 1 sidewalk  
Niles bushes don't bother  
visually cohesive!

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Nothing good happens then. IT'S DARK!

**What to maintain and enhance at Vilas.**

What 1-2 things do you love most about Vilas Park today? What draws you here?  
Nice shelter offer something

Open space. Please do not fill up the space with a community center, parking lots or parking ramps.

WALKING  
BENCH  
GRASSY AREAS  
TREE TRUNK

Mature trees.

Preserve/longive things there are playground for a variety of ages + abilities!

PUBLIC SAFETY

KEEP UP THE SHED HOUSE

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Provide access to nature + open space opportunities for unorganized outdoor recreation (swimming, biking, strolling, walking, picnicking)

Plan for how to continue to provide outdoor ice skating as winters get warmer.

Playgrounds!

Control the beavers so they don't destroy the trees along the ANNE.

dog park